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SUBJ: MOROCCAN- CUBAN TRADE IN SUGAR

REF: STATE 127 801

1. PAR. 5 OF REFTEL REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF PERCENTAGE
MOROCCAN SUGAR REQUIREMENTS MET FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND
COMMENT ON AMBASSADOR SENOUSSI'S STATEMENT REGARDING
INVOLVEMENT
MOROCCAN FLAG VESSELS IN CUBA TRADE.

2. ACCORDING OFFICIAL DATA MOROCCAN SUGAR PRODUCTION 1972 WAS
245,000 METRIC TONS AND IMPORTS WERE 222,000 TONS. PRODUCTION
WAS THEREFORE ABOUT 52 PERCENT OF TOTAL.

3. WITH REGARD CUBAN SHIPPING WE TRANSMITTED VIA OUR A-41 TEXT OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE OF MARCH 16, 1973 REGARDING MOROCCAN POLICY
THIS MATTER. WE INTERPRETED NOTE TO MEAN THAT INCIDENT SUCH AS
THAT INVOLVING MANSOUR BILLAH WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. HOWEVER,
WORKING OF NOTE IS SUFFICIENTLY AMBIGUOUS TO PERMIT GOM TO
MAINTAIN THAT IT UNDERTOOK NO COMMITMENT TO PREVENT SHIPS UNDER
ITS REGISTRY FROM ENGAGING IN CUBA TRADE. RATHER THAN INSIST ON
PRECISE TERMINOLOGY ON STEPS TAKEN BY MOROCCANS TO PREVENT SHIPS
THEIR REGISTRY FROM ENGAGING IN THIS TRADE, WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO
APPLY TEST OF WHETHER VESSELS UNDER MOROCCAN REGISTRY ARE
ACTUALLY
OBSERVED IN FUTURE SO DOING.

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